

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
JULY 19, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on July 19, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coupeville, Washington. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, Angie Homola, Member, and John Dean, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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(Record Part 1 @ 1:11)

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Record Part 1 @ 17:39)

*[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]*

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved the following items presented on the Consent Agenda:

Pre-audited bills and vouchers for payment – Voucher #s: 340866 to 341131 - \$427,554.39

EFTs (electronic funds transfers) - \$2,538.53

Minutes from previous meeting(s): Work Sessions: 5/19, 6/2, 6/9/10

Payroll dated July 15, 2010

*Human Resources - Personnel Action Authorizations*

<u>Department</u>	<u>PAA #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Human Services	051/10	School Mental Health Counselor .50 fte	2408.16	Personnel Action (Reduce Hours)	08/30/10
Human Services	052/10	School Mental Health Counselor	2408.20	Personnel Action (Increase Hours)	08/30/10
WSU Extension	053/10	Beach Watchers Program Coord .80 fte Camano	1207.03	Personnel Action (Reduce Hours)	01/01/10

*Human Services*

Contract with Lena Swanson, Psy.D. to provide short term mental health counseling services. Contract No. HS-17-10; Amount: \$5,000 (RM-HS-10-0285)

*Public Works - County Roads*

Consultant Agreement – Measurement Research Corporation, Pavement Distress Survey & Rehabilitation Planning; \$200,000.00; End date of March 31, 2013. (RM-PW-10-0291) (PW-1020-48)

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Liquor License

Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 091224 by the Camano Island Yacht Club for a special occasion to be held July 31, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Camano Island Yacht Club, 129 Sunset Dr., Camano Island

REGULAR AGENDA

None presented

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Record Part 1 @ 24:20)

*[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]*

Commissioners

Ordinance C-62-10 Revising ICC 2.02.040 & 2.02.050 Freezing Salaries of Island County Elected Officials.

At 10:24 a.m. Chair Price Johnson opened the public hearing.

Ordinance C-62-10, according to the Chair, would modify the salaries of Island County's Elected Officials; including, members of the Board of Island County Commissioners, Assessor, Auditor, County Clerk, Coroner, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer to forego an increase of 5% every odd-numbered year that is currently authorized under Island County Code. Island County's elected District and Superior Court Judges' salaries are set by the State of Washington and are not affected by this ordinance.

Ms. Marlow added that the five-year forecast shows that despite reductions, the County's Current Expense Fund expenses will continue to exceed revenues, eventually exhausting cash reserves. The five-year forecast is negative. In response Elected Officials and the Board donated portions of their salaries; medical benefits were reduced for Elected Officials and non-represented employees; and many Elected Officials not only donated portions of their salaries but in addition paid portions of their travel expenses the past two years.

The Island County Code as it currently exists authorizes a 5% increase in odd numbered years. In order to balance the budget and save money, the Commissioners and Elected Officials proposed to forego their raises. Since the salaries for Commissioner positions District 1 and District 2 cannot be revised during the remaining two years of the current year of office, both Chair Price Johnson and Commissioner Homola offered to voluntarily donate their salary increase back to the County in 2011 and 2012. The total savings realized would be about \$36,000. At Commissioner Homola's request, Ms. Marlow read proposed Ordinance C-62-10 for the benefit of those in attendance.

At 10:32 a.m. Chair Price Johnson opened the floor to public comment.

Mr. Lescher supported the proposed action but spoke to a lack of credibility as applied to the idea of adopting the ordinance and its impact, if any, on Proposition 1. Specifically he mentioned reimbursement of travel expenses which, in some instances, may be claimed on tax returns.

Mr. Rose wanted to know what processes may be employed for any change to the action today after 2013. He also spoke to the idea of an appointed citizens' salary committee.

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Public comment closed at 10:39 a.m.

To clarify Commissioner Dean reminded the audience that the Board of County Commissioners has foregone their travel expenses for the last two years. Some Elected Officials did the same. Additionally, he supports the concept of a citizens' salary commission and would be in favor of moving forward on the idea in 2011.

Following research to determine the history of the Island County resolution and associated updates established for salary increases for Elected Officials, Commissioner Homola learned that from years 1984-1993 the CPI-U averaged 3.72, the CPI-W averaged 3.5. From 1994-1999 the CPI-U averaged 3.89 and the CPI-W 3.76. From 2000 to 2009 the CPI-U averaged 2.72 and CPI-W 2.76. Having chosen 5% every odd year is 2.5% per year which is below and conservative compared to the interest rates. She believes, therefore, that prior Boards were being conscientious about the rate of increase established which followed or fell below the average inflation rate. The Commissioner is communicating with other counties about what they may or may not have done concerning citizens' salary commissions. The effort is worth considering but at the same time, is not something to rush into in her opinion. The priority this year is to do what is necessary to balance the budget for 2011 and continue to provide services to the community.

Chair Price Johnson trusts that the proposed ordinance is a necessary step, and a piece of the budget the Board can control for 2011. The ordinance will freeze salaries of Elected Officials at the 2010 rate going forward and will not change in 2013. After more conversation about how a citizens' salary commission would be structured, she would support the idea. She added that Elected Officials are hired by the citizens of Island County and they should be the one to set salaries.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to ADOPT Ordinance C-62-10.  
MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Record Part 1 @ 54:45)

Chair Price Johnson

- The Chair will attend the League of Women Voters meeting this evening to share information about Proposition 1.
- The final Public Forum took place last Tuesday in Oak Harbor. She again expressed her appreciation to Elected Officials and Department Heads for their participation.

Juvenile/Superior Courts Mid-Year Reports (Record Part 2)  
(Handouts provided and on file with the Clerk of the Board)

At 11:00 a.m. those associated with Juvenile/Superior Court offered their individual mid-year reports, thereby providing the Board with a comprehensive view of court services and programs. A question and answer period followed. Speaking were:

- Sherry Cameron – Superior Court Manager
- Margaret Delp – Courthouse Facilitator Program
- Carla Grau-Egerton – Juvenile Court Services, CASA/GAL Program Coordinator
- Brooke Powell – Probation Manager

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- Kristi LaMascus – Probation Counselor
- Wendy Moore – Functional Family Therapist
- Odette Akers – Work Crew Supervisor
- Gerald Murphy – Detention Manager
- John Lavera – Detention Center Teacher (employee of Coupeville School District)
- Patty Page – Coupeville School District Superintendent

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m. The Board will meet next in Regular Session at 11:00 a.m. July 26, 2010 for Roundtable, followed by agenda items at 2:00 p.m.

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Helen Price Johnson, Chair

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Angie Homola, Member

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John Dean, Member

ATTEST:

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Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board